

FARR VINTNERS



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Italy

Andrea Franchetti

1998	25	0	Palazzi	350	cs
1998	25	0	Tenuta Di Trinoro	350	cs

An exciting new exclusivity for Farr Vintners! We are very pleased to announce that we have been appointed exclusive UK agent for the sensational wines of Andrea Franchetti, Tenuta di Trinoro and Palazzi.

Andrea has worked closely with Peter Sisseck (of Dominio di Pingus) and Jean-Luc Thunevin (of Valandraud) in order to achieve his goal of producing great Super-Tuscan wines. We are pleased to offer the outstanding 1998 en primeur, a vintage which many producers (Sassicaia included) feel is greater than the much praised 1997.

The vineyards are situated in the south of Tuscany at 600 metres above sea level. The 10 hectares of vines, planted in 1992, contain the classic Bordeaux varieties; Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Yields are a very low 20 hectolitres/hectare as Andrea limits each vine to just five bunches. Modern wine-making techniques include the use of 100% new oak barrels which are selected from leading French tonneliers. As Robert Parker reported recently, "This estate is an impressive newcomer to be watched closely."

Tenuta di Trinoro is made from predominantly Cabernet Franc (80% in 1998) with 10% each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Total production is 1000 cases. The main cepage of the Palazzi is Merlot and the production is a mere 700 cases. Both are fabulous wines, massively structured and concentrated with layers of ripe, chewy, mouth-filling fruit and a spicy, exotic oak character.

We expect these wines to be "the next big thing" and if they take off like Pingus and Valandraud these opening prices will look like a give-away

Antonio Vallana & Figlio

1961	30	0	Spanna, Campi Raudii	200	cs
1958	2	0	Spanna, Campi Raudii	250	cs
1954	1	0	Spanna, Campi Raudii	300	cs

In times gone by, wines from Spanna, in Piedmont, were more sought-after than the now fashionable Barolo. Here is a good opportunity to see why! We have been lucky enough to taste and buy vintages from the 50's and 60's from this producer before, but they were so good and in such small quantities that they never made it to our list. When I have served these mature vintages blind, people have been most impressed and thought that they came from Bordeaux. LH

Argiano

1997	5	0	Solengo	450	cs
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Gaja

1995	4	0	Barbaresco	560	cs
1995	3	0	Darmagi	610	cs
1995	1	0	Barbaresco Costa R.	980	cs
1995	1	0	Barbaresco Sori T	980	cs
1994	8	0	Barolo Sperss	520	cs
1993	5	0	Barolo Sperss	520	cs
1989	1	0	Barbaresco S S L	1,100	cs
1989	1	0	Barbaresco S S L (mg)	1,100	cs

Giacosa

1995	0	6	Barbaresco St Stefano	560	cs
1985	1	0	Barolo Falletto Riserva B. Giacosa 950	cs	

Lodovico Antinori

1996	32	0	Ornellaia	340	cs
1995	1	2	Ornellaia	350	cs
1990	0	2	Ornellaia (mg)	820	cs
1990	0	1	Ornellaia (im)	720	ea
1988	5	1	Ornellaia	720	cs
1988	0	3	Ornellaia (mg)	720	cs
1988	0	1	Ornellaia (dm)	240	ea

Piero Antinori

1996	1	0	Tignanello (hv)	320	cs
1996	28	6	Tignanello	320	cs
1995	0	3	Guado al Tasso (mg)	340	cs
1995	0	2	Tignanello	360	cs
1990	0	9	Solaia	1,350	cs
1982	0	4	Tignanello	620	cs
1982	0	3	Tignanello (mg)	620	cs
1982	0	1	Tignanello (dm)	210	ea
1982	0	3	Solaia	1,200	cs
1979	0	7	Tignanello	650	cs
1979	0	3	Tignanello (mg)	650	cs
1979	1	0	Solaia	1,000	cs
1978	0	6	Tignanello	650	cs
1978	0	2	Solaia	100	ea
1971	1	0	Tignanello	1,320	cs

San Guido

1996	18	7	Sassicaia	600	cs
1995	0	4	Sassicaia	600	cs
1989	0	3	Sassicaia	600	cs
1982	1	5	Sassicaia	1,200	cs
1982	0	3	Sassicaia (mg)	1,200	cs
1979	2	6	Sassicaia	125	ea
1978	0	1	Sassicaia	200	ea

Sandrone

1996	0	6	Barbera	140	cs
1994	30	0	Barolo Cannubi	300	cs

Castello di Ama

1994	3	0	Vigna L' Apparita	580	cs
1993	1	1	Vigna L' Apparita	550	cs
1992	0	6	Vigna L' Apparita	600	cs
1991	0	2	Vigna L' Apparita	600	cs
1989	0	2	Vigna L' Apparita	720	cs
1987	0	1	Vigna L' Apparita	840	cs
1986	0	4	Vigna L' Apparita	600	cs

Monte Bernardi

1997	10	0	Chianti Classico	166	cs
1997	10	0	Sa'etta	236	cs
1996	7	0	Chianti Classico	142	cs
1996	4	0	Sa'etta	202	cs

Stak Alvalotis has given up everything to produce these impressive and beautifully crafted vines from his vineyard south of Florence. Made in new oak barrels and second year oak from Ch Latour from 100% Sangiovese, these are very highly recommended Super-Tuscans. The Sa'etta is selected from grapes grown in the best part of the vineyard but both wines are of superb quality.